

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CAN'T STOP PRODUCTIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

SIXUVUS, LTD., ERIC ANZALONE,  
ALEXANDER BRILEY, FELIPE ROSE,  
JAMES F. NEWMAN, RAYMOND SIMPSON,  
and WILLIAM WHITEFIELD,  
Defendants,

7:17-cv-06513-CS

MOTION TO DISMISS THE  
SIXUVUS LETTER MOTION FOR  
TEMPORARY INJUNCTION FOR  
LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER  
JURISDICTION

KAREN L. WILLIS dba HARLEM WEST  
ENTERTAINMENT

Intervenor.

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## INTRODUCTION

On November 30, 2017, the Sixuvus, Ltd, ("Sixuvus") filed an application for a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") and Preliminary Injunction. The Sixuvus subsequently obtained a TRO in an Order dated December 1, 2017. On December 8, 2017, Karen L. Willis dba Harlem West Music Group "(Intervenor") filed an order to show cause requesting (1) permission to intervene, (2) to Vacate or dissolve the December 1, TRO, or in the alternative, modify the Order, (3) to temporarily restrain defendants from using social media to interfere with her business, and proposed counter claim against defendants for including, trademark infringement and unfair competition.

The Court ORDERED including but not limited to, that Karen L. Willis could intervene on an interim basis; mediation before the Hon. Lisa M. Smith; and that Plaintiff, Defendants, or Willis, may upon letter application of the Court request that the hearings be scheduled at which time the Court will set briefing schedules for opposition and reply papers, and a hearing date. The Order is currently on appeal.

### **THE TRO EXTENDED PAST 14 DAYS AND IS THEREFORE TREATED AS A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL**

A TRO extending beyond the time limit of Rule 65(b) is treated as preliminary injunction. A preliminary injunction is immediately appealable. When a temporary restraining order extends "far beyond" the fourteen-day expiration date mandated in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the order "lose[s] its character" as a temporary restraining order and becomes an appealable preliminary injunction. *In re Arthur Treacher's Franchisee Litig.*, 689 F.2d 1150, 1153-54 (3d Cir. 1982).

**THE ORDER IS CURRENTLY ON APPEAL; THE COURT  
THEREFORE LACK SUBJECT MATTER JURIDICTION**

On January 3, 2018, Intervenor filed an appeal of the Order that allowed the parties to request a preliminary injunction hearing pursuant that Order. The order is on appeal and the Court lack subject matter jurisdiction. Determining the existence of subject matter jurisdiction is a threshold inquiry, see *id.*, and an action is “properly dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction under Rule 12(b)(1) when the district court lacks the statutory or constitutional power to adjudicate it,” *Makarova v. United States*, 201 F.3d 110, 113 (2d Cir. 2000).

When jurisdiction is challenged such as here, the Sixuvus “bears the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that subject matter jurisdiction exists,” *APWU v. Potter*, 343 F.3d 619, 623 (2d Cir. 2003) (internal quotation marks omitted); see also *Aurecchione v. Schoolman Transp. Sys.*, 426 F.3d 635, 639 (2d Cir. 2005), and the district court may examine evidence outside of the pleadings to make this determination, see *Makarova*, 201 F.3d at 113. In fact, the Court may dismiss the motion for temporary injunction and hearing *Sua Sponte* for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 12(b)(1).

**THIS COURT SHOULD ORDER THE SIXUVUS TO SHOW CAUSE  
WHY THE INJUNCTION HEARING SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED**

If the Court determines at any time that it lacks subject matter Jurisdiction, the Court must dismiss the action. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 12(3). Moreover, the defense of lack of subject matter jurisdiction may be raised at any time. *See Gonzalez v. Thaler*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 132 S. Ct. 641, 648 (2012); *see also Sebelius v. Auburn Reg'l Med. Ctr.*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 133 S. Ct. 817, 824 (2013). “Jurisdiction must be shown affirmatively, and that showing is not made by drawing from the pleadings inferences favorable to the party asserting it.” *Potter*, 343 F.3d at 623 (quoting *Shipping Fin. Servs. Corp v. Drakos*, 140 F.3d 129, 131 (2d Cir. 1998)). The Sixuvus must show cause why their letter motion for a temporary injunction and ongoing hearing should not be dismissed.

## CONCLUSION

Defendants should be ordered to show cause why their letter motion for temporary injunction and ongoing temporary injunction hearing should not be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction of the Court in light of the pending appeal of the issue before the Second Circuit.

Dated: February 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN L. WILLIS, J.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KAREN L. WILLIS, J.D.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'K' and 'W'.